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**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims**

Claims 1-22 (previously cancelled)

23. (previously presented) A tape comprising:
- (a) a substrate;
  - (b) a primer coated on at least one surface of the substrate, the primer comprising:
    - a maleated rubber thermoplastic elastomer,
    - a non-halogenated polyolefin,
    - a resin, and
    - a first crosslinking agent;
  - (c) a pressure sensitive adhesive coated on the primer,
    - wherein the pressure sensitive adhesive is an adhesive based on natural rubbers, synthetic rubbers, styrene block copolymers, polyvinyl ethers, poly(meth)acrylates (including both acrylates and methacrylates), polyolefins, or silicones, and
    - wherein the pressure sensitive adhesive further comprises a second crosslinking agent.
24. (currently amended) The tape of claim 2346 wherein the maleated thermoplastic elastomer is a block copolymer comprising one or more polystyrene blocks, a rubber, or a styrene-ethylene-butene-styrene type block copolymer.
25. (currently amended) The tape of claim 2346 wherein the resin has a glass transition temperature between about 0°C and about 100°C.
26. (currently amended) The tape of claim 2346 wherein the resin is a hydrocarbon resin.

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27. (currently amended) The tape of claim 2346 wherein the non-halogenated polyolefin comprises a C<sub>2</sub> – C<sub>30</sub> α-olefin monomer.
28. (currently amended) The tape of claim 2346 wherein the non-halogenated polyolefin comprises a polyhexene or a polyoctene.
29. (currently amended) The tape of claim 2346 wherein the first crosslinking agent is activated by ultraviolet light or heat.
30. (currently amended) The tape of claim 2346 wherein the first crosslinking agent is an aldehyde, a ketone, a quinone, a thioxanthone, or a vinyl halomethyl-sym-triazine.
31. (currently amended) The tape of claim 2346 wherein the first crosslinking agent is 2,4-bis(trichloromethyl)-6-4'-methoxyphenyl-sym-triazine.
32. (currently amended) The tape of claim 2346 wherein the primer further comprises an aliphatic, alicyclic, heterocyclic, cycloaliphatic, or aromatic epoxy having at least one oxirane ring.
33. (currently amended) The tape of claim 2346 wherein the primer further comprises an epoxy resin comprising a cyclohexene oxide group, a glycidyl ether monomer, or a bisphenol A-epichlorohydrin.
34. (currently amended) The tape of claim 2346 wherein the primer further comprises a multi-functional acrylate.
35. (currently amended) The tape of claim 2346 wherein the primer further comprises fumed amorphous silica.

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36. (currently amended) The tape of claim 2346 wherein the primer further comprises a filler.
37. (currently amended) The tape of claim 2346 wherein the pressure sensitive adhesive is a polyolefin based pressure sensitive adhesive.
38. (currently amended) The tape of claim 2346 wherein the pressure sensitive adhesive is a poly- $\alpha$ -olefin comprising one or more monomer units derived from a  $C_5 - C_{30}$   $\alpha$ -olefin monomer.
39. (currently amended) The tape of claim 2346 wherein the pressure sensitive adhesive is a poly- $\alpha$ -olefin comprising one or more monomer units derived from  $C_6 - C_{14}$   $\alpha$ ,  $\omega$ -dienes, conjugated dienes, trienes, terpenes, or alkenyl-norbornenes.
40. (currently amended) The tape of claim 2346 wherein the pressure sensitive adhesive has a glass transition temperature in the range of about  $-70^\circ$  to about  $0^\circ$  C.
41. (currently amended) The tape of claim 2346 wherein the pressure sensitive adhesive comprises a tackifying resin.
42. (currently amended) The tape of claim 2346 wherein the second crosslinking agent is activated by ultraviolet light or heat.
43. (currently amended) The tape of claim 2346 wherein the second crosslinking agent is an aldehyde, a ketone, a quinone, a thioxanthone, or a vinyl halomethyl-sym-triazine.
44. (currently amended) The tape of claim 2346 wherein the substrate comprises a material selected from the group consisting of polyesters, polyolefins, papers, foils, polyacrylates, polyurethanes, perfluoropolymers, polycarbonates, ethylene vinyl acetates, vinyl, fabrics, foam, polymer coated papers, and retroreflective sheeting.

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45. (previously presented) A method of making a tape comprising:
- (a) providing a substrate;
  - (b) applying a primer to the substrate, the primer comprising:
    - a maleated rubber thermoplastic elastomer,
    - a non-halogenated polyolefin,
    - a resin, and
    - a first crosslinking agent;
  - (c) applying a pressure sensitive adhesive atop the primer, wherein the pressure sensitive adhesive is based on natural rubbers, synthetic rubbers, styrene block copolymers, polyvinyl ethers, poly (meth)acrylates (including both acrylates and methacrylates), polyolefins, or silicones, and wherein the pressure sensitive adhesive further comprises a second crosslinking agent;
  - (d) applying actinic radiation or heat.
46. (new) The tape of claim 23, wherein the pressure sensitive adhesive and the primer are crosslinked.